

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,398,366 to Hara et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Hara does not disclose a light source device including "a duct that slides to protrude from the light source," as recited in claim 1.

Hara discloses, in Figs. 6 and 7, a lamp device including an automatic opening/closing mechanism 54 and an intake duct 46.

Because the intake duct 46 of Hara is fixed with respect to a lamp box 41 ("light source housing"), the intake duct 46 does not slide to protrude from a light source housing. Further, the duct 46 does not connect with a discharge hole of a fan 25. See Fig. 7. For at least these reasons, Hara does not disclose the light source device of claim 1.

Therefore, claim 1 is patentable over Hara. Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1, and thus are also patentable over Hara for at least the reasons set forth above, as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-10 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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